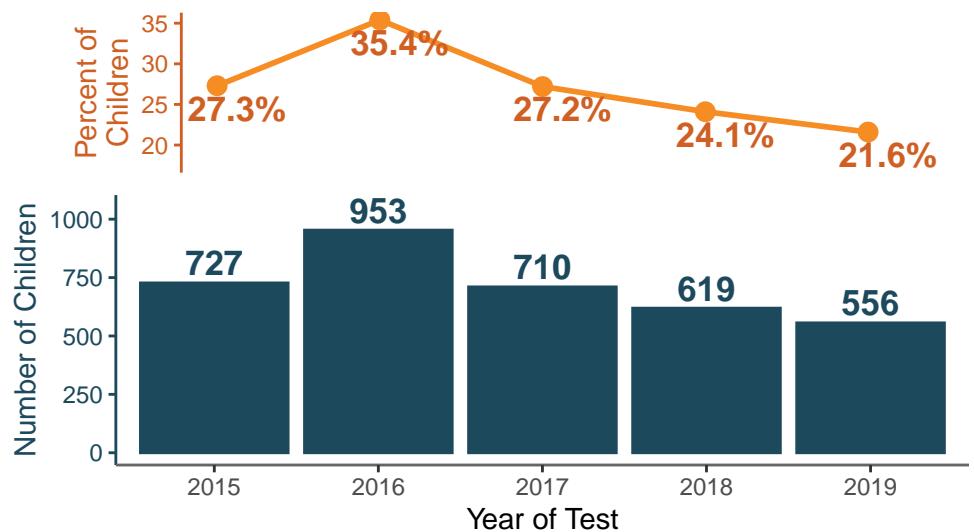


2019 LEAD EXPOSURE DATA BRIEF FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY REGION

Lead poisoning is entirely preventable. However, nearly 1 million children living in the United States have blood levels high enough to impair their ability to think, learn, and concentrate.

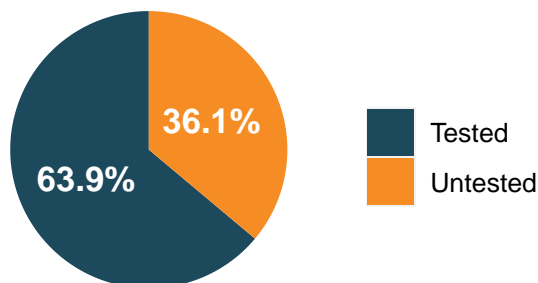
In 2019, 32 children (0 – 72 months old) in the North Country Region were identified with elevated blood lead levels of 5 ug/dL or higher.

Annual Number (and Percent) of Children, 0 to 72 Months Old, Tested for Blood Lead in the North Country Region 2015 – 2019



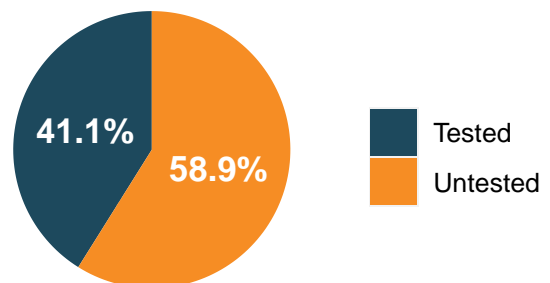
Percent of Children Tested per New Hampshire Screening and Management Guidelines

Percent of One-Year-Old Children Tested for Blood Lead



In 2019, 63.9% of one year-old (12–23 month-old) children residing in the North Country Region were tested for lead in their blood (265 of an estimated 415 children).

Percent of Two-Year-Old Children Tested for Blood Lead



In 2019, 41.1% of two year-old (24–35 month-old) children residing in the North Country Region were tested for lead in their blood (198 of an estimated 482 children).

In 2018, New Hampshire passed a state law requiring providers to conduct blood lead level tests for all one and two year-old children.

Childhood Lead Exposure by Town, 2019

TOWN	AGE GROUP (IN MONTHS)	POPULATION DPHS ESTIMATE 2018	NUMBER TESTED 2019	PERCENT TESTED (%) 2019	NUMBER WITH EBLL 5+ ug/dL 2019 ONLY	NUMBER WITH EBLL 5+ ug/dL 2015–2019	NUMBER WITH EBLL 10+ ug/dL VENOUS TESTS 2015–2019
BATH	0 to 72	48	6	12	0	1 – 4	1 – 4
	12 to 23	4	1 – 4	Supp.	0	1 – 4	0
	24 to 35	9	1 – 4	Supp.	0	1 – 4	1 – 4
BERLIN	0 to 72	492	168	34	9	68	6
	12 to 23	80	80	100	1 – 4	22	1 – 4
	24 to 35	100	59	59	1 – 4	24	1 – 4
BETHLEHEM	0 to 72	134	13	10	0	1 – 4	0
	12 to 23	29	7	24	0	1 – 4	0
	24 to 35	17	5	29	0	0	0
COLEBROOK	0 to 72	116	31	27	1 – 4	9	0
	12 to 23	25	14	56	0	1 – 4	0
	24 to 35	22	9	41	0	1 – 4	0
DALTON	0 to 72	40	6	15	0	1 – 4	0
	12 to 23	8	1 – 4	Supp.	0	1 – 4	0
	24 to 35	6	1 – 4	Supp.	0	1 – 4	0
GORHAM	0 to 72	110	24	22	0	8	1 – 4
	12 to 23	18	10	56	0	1 – 4	1 – 4
	24 to 35	20	14	70	0	1 – 4	0
HAVERHILL	0 to 72	239	63	26	7	40	7
	12 to 23	29	26	90	1 – 4	13	1 – 4
	24 to 35	58	24	41	1 – 4	15	1 – 4
LANCASTER	0 to 72	180	45	25	6	21	1 – 4
	12 to 23	35	24	69	1 – 4	10	1 – 4
	24 to 35	32	14	44	0	6	0
LISBON	0 to 72	96	17	18	1 – 4	16	1 – 4
	12 to 23	15	9	60	0	5	1 – 4
	24 to 35	22	1 – 4	Supp.	0	6	0
LITTLETON	0 to 72	359	50	14	1 – 4	20	1 – 4
	12 to 23	51	24	47	0	10	1 – 4
	24 to 35	66	17	26	1 – 4	5	0
MILAN	0 to 72	61	18	30	0	0	0
	12 to 23	9	9	100	0	0	0
	24 to 35	9	9	100	0	0	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0 to 72	116	23	20	1 – 4	14	1 – 4
	12 to 23	17	14	82	1 – 4	5	1 – 4
	24 to 35	18	5	28	0	7	0
STEWARTSTOWN	0 to 72	52	7	14	1 – 4	7	1 – 4
	12 to 23	9	1 – 4	Supp.	0	1 – 4	0
	24 to 35	11	1 – 4	Supp.	0	1 – 4	0
STRATFORD	0 to 72	47	11	23	0	1 – 4	0
	12 to 23	6	5	83	0	1 – 4	0
	24 to 35	9	5	56	0	1 – 4	0
WHITEFIELD	0 to 72	114	24	21	1 – 4	16	1 – 4
	12 to 23	13	8	62	1 – 4	7	1 – 4
	24 to 35	22	8	36	0	5	0
NORTH COUNTRY	0 to 72	2578	556	22	32	247	29
	12 to 23	415	265	64	14	95	14
	24 to 35	482	198	41	6	83	5

Childhood blood lead test data is from the NH Healthy Homes Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Elevated blood lead levels (EBLL) 5+ ug/dL is defined as a venous or capillary blood test with a result of 5 micrograms per deciliter (ug/dL) or higher. Exact numbers or percents cannot be reported when there are 1–4 cases due to suppression guidelines to protect privacy.

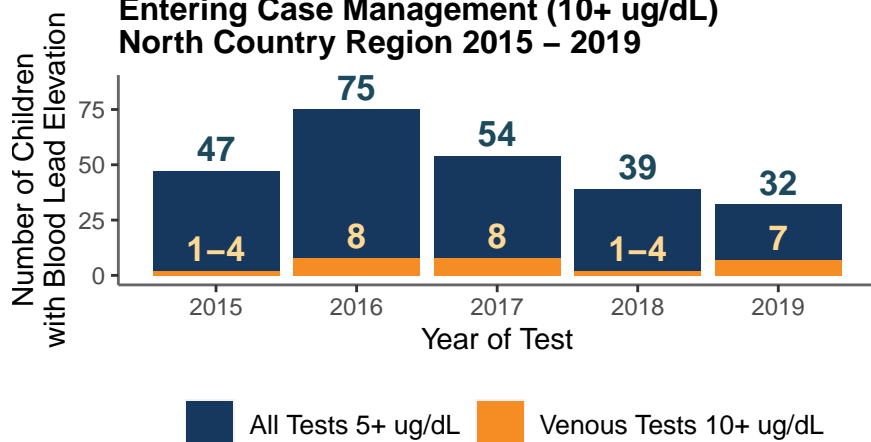
Childhood Lead Risk Factors by Town

TOWN	POPULATION UNDER 6 YO PERCENT (%)	HOUSING UNITS BUILT PRE-1950 PERCENT (%)	HOUSEHOLDS MOVED IN LAST YEAR PERCENT (%)	RENTED HOUSING UNITS W/ CHILDREN UNDER 6 YO PERCENT (%)	UNDER 6 YO LIVING BELOW FED. POVERTY LEVEL PERCENT (%)	UNDER 6 YO IN WITH NO HEALTH INSURANCE PERCENT (%)
BATH	7.3	31	1.9	42	11.9	0
BERLIN	4.3	57	5.4	51	24.1	12.9
BETHLEHEM	4.8	32	2.6	28	5.4	0
COLEBROOK	3.3	34	1.4	76	49.3	0
DALTON	2.6	16	1.5	18	0	0
GORHAM	4	42	4.4	0	0	30.5
HAVERHILL	3.7	30	3.4	58	23.1	0
LANCASTER	5	42	3.7	17	4.2	0
LISBON	4.7	41	5.7	27	9	5.2
LITTLETON	6.5	44	3.5	62	26.6	12.8
MILAN	4.1	28	3.6	7	16.7	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	8.1	39	5.7	11	0	3.8
STEWARTSTOWN	3.7	19	4.4	0	0	0
STRATFORD	2.4	24	6.8	0	50	0
WHITEFIELD	6.1	42	10.3	31	26.8	0
NORTH COUNTRY	4.6	35	4.2	38	16.4	6.9

Risk factor data is from the American Community Survey (ACS), 5–Year Estimate Data (2014–2018). Percent of renters with children under 6 yo was calculated from housing units with known occupancy status and known age of occupants. Under 6 yo living below federal poverty level was calculated from the number of children in households with income less than the federal poverty level for whom poverty status was determined. Note, percentages for smaller towns may have a large error.

Childhood Lead Exposure

Annual Number of Children 0 to 72 Months Old with Test Above the National Reference Level (5+ ug/dL) or Entering Case Management (10+ ug/dL) North Country Region 2015 – 2019



It only takes a speck of lead dust the size of a grain of salt to poison a child

Number of Children 0 to 72 Months Old with Elevated Blood Lead Levels 5+ ug/dL by Town (or Census Tract) in the North Country Region, 2015–2019

